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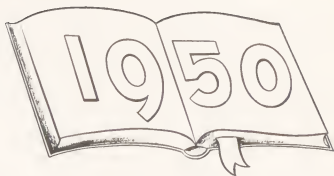








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Published by the Senior Class of Edison High School, East Gary, Indiana, as an everlasting memory of our high school days that are gone—  
but not forgotten.

**EDISON HIGH SCHOOL**

**East Gary, Indiana**

# Foreword

FROM time to time our human nature behooves us to remember certain incidents that have happened in the past. In an effort to keep these memories in a sacred way—never to be forgotten—the *Edisonian* staff has composed this book with the hope of giving the students of Edison High School many pleasant hours in which to reminisce by-gone days.

Herein, the staff has endeavored to record those events of school life that mean so much to the memory of the high school student—the activities, classmates, school friends, work-study-play program, and faculty. The staff hopes that each reader will enjoy reading every page of *The 1950 Edisonian*.



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# Dedication

To our faculty of our school days,  
Who made so happy our high school days,  
We dedicate this book to you,  
'Tis the least that we can do.

To Miss Hartley, the sponsor of this book,  
For all the time and effort it took.

To Mrs. Jana, our leader in chorus,  
Who devoted her sponsorship for us.

For Mr. Sexton, our other sponsor,  
Who is our industrial arts instructor.

To Mrs. Crisman, our English instructor,  
And was our senior play director.

And Mrs. Etienne for giving us a hand  
With junior and sophomore activities grand.

For Mrs. Brown we here decree  
Our librarian who served us happily.

To Mr. Baliff, our sports director,  
And our sophomore year protector.

To Mrs. Burger who teaches math  
And keeps the Council on the path.

To Coach Thom of our football team,  
In history keeps us on the beam.

To our math and physics pride,  
Mr. Hinkle, the freshman's guide.

To the other newcomer—Mr. Snedeker,  
Whom we remember as our band director.

To Mrs. Metz, over G. A. A. life,  
Who taught each girl to be a wife.

To our Board of Education,  
Who to our problems pays attention.

To our superintendent, Mr. Bailey,  
Who serves us most unfailingly.

To Mr. Roos, Edison's principal,  
Who solves our problems multiple.

Your fond instructions we always took,  
And thus, to you we leave this book.



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## Edison's New Addition

Quite a surprise awaited the students of Edison High School when they returned from their summer vacation in the fall of 1949. The new addition increased Edison's capacity over former years.

The length of the halls seemed rather spectacular to those students who had attended Edison during former years.

Although the new addition was used mostly for the students of the seventh and eighth grades for the present, it was appreciated by the high school students mainly because of the increased size of the gymnasium and the new chorus room—although the chorus room should be a finished room. Also, the portable building was worth its value a hundredfold as the band could carry on its regular practice periods without the resounding tones drowning out the other class recitations in adjoining rooms.

Many of the students were pleased to say that their school building was as large as several of the other high school buildings in this vicinity.

# C LASSES





Mrs. Burger, sponsor; Marty Faitak, vice-president; Barbara Smith, secretary; Sherry Niehaus, treasurer; Dale Hodges, president; Mr. Hinkle, sponsor.

## FRESHMAN CLASS

Entering a new era somewhat bewildered, nervous, and frightened, the sixty members of the future Class of '53 began their first year within the halls of Edison High School. This year, the freshmen had the honor of being members of the first new class to assemble within the newly enlarged high school building, as construction work on the new addition was completed shortly after the opening of school in the month of September.

However, learning the ways of a high school student was not a very difficult task to accomplish and was soon mastered by the freshmen, so there was nothing to keep them from participating in the regular high school activities.

Dale Hodges, a member of Edison's football team and a somewhat burly lad, was selected for president by the members of the class. Since Marty Faitak was elected as vice-president, the second position in the official line went to a male executive. However, whether or not it was to balance the powers of their leadership or an accident, two girls—Barbara Smith and Sherry Niehaus—were selected as

class secretary and treasurer respectively. Geraldine Demo and Bruce Swift served as Student Council representatives for the freshman class. Mrs. Burger and Mr. Hinkle, the two teachers of mathematics, served as class sponsors throughout the school year of 1949-50.

The first real venture of the class in sponsoring high school activities was one of the two dances which was allotted each class. Although the dance, which was given after the Merrillville-Edison game on December 2, did not net the class a huge sum of money, it provided an opportunity for the members of the class to learn to plan and work together. When the dance was over, the freshmen were quite proud of themselves and felt that they had passed the initial test of being regular high school students.

The night of January 27 was the next eventful night for the freshmen, as the class sponsored its second dance after the Hobart-Edison game. Being a "Lollipop Dance," the freshmen distinguished themselves as being originators of a new attraction in the way of high school dances. It was quite a novelty to watch stu-

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dents dancing while they were enjoying a lollipop.

All in all, the freshman class was an outstanding group of freshmen, as the class usually ranked close to the top of the list in any campaign that was held during the school year. Whenever the freshmen were given an opportunity, they were eager to participate in the regular high school activities.

When the year drew to a close following the final examination which determined whether or not the freshmen would be classed as sopho-

mores in 1950-51, the members of the class were earnestly waiting to return to school next fall as sophomores.

The freshman class may be compared to a seed planted in the earth of an educational institution. The seed was planted in September of 1949 (enrollment), took root (election of officers), sent up a green sprout (first activity), grew into a fine plant with a beautiful blossom (rest of activities and learning), then it changed its blossom in May for a seed which would be planted in new and richer soil next September.

*Top row*—Albert Curtis Neal, Raymond Maza, Gary Ganz, Ronald Park, Roy Claussen, Paul Henry, Roger Bottila, Thomas Szwajkowski, Robert Lazzaroni, Blaze Kozak, William O'Kelly, Richard Williams, Robert Shoemaker, Charles Krupchak, Robert Blossom.

*Third row*—Ernest Schulze, Richard Vizena, Donald Hoefflicker, Bruce Swift, Dennis Anderson, Lorin Burns, Jack Sandlin, Oral Peek, Donald Kuzma, Nicholas Kolosci, George Moy, Leonard Garvalia, Robert Crisman.

*Second row*—Robert Vizena, James Wolfe, Marjorie Mize, Dolores Rearick, Mary Ann Tucker, Carolyn Salen, Nancy Quinlan, Joan Watts, Mary Ann Torrez, Donna Bogden, Sarah Charlotte Wolfe, Cynthia Morrison, Yvonne Petruzelli.

*Front row*—Norma Smith, Ruth Buchardt, Lois Heck, Charlyne Van Cleef, Merle McDonald, Jean St. Myers, Patricia Munro, Suzanne Anderson, Geraldine Demo, Beverly Botilla, Florence Smith, Mary Scheuer, Vivian Brown.





Mrs. Etienne, sponsor; Edward Shudick, treasurer; Bonnie Shaver, secretary; Roland Moore, president; Roland Gregory, vice-president; Mr. Thom, sponsor.

## SOPHOMORE CLASS

Having had one year of experience as high school students, the Class of '52 was prepared to take its place along with the other classes in Edison High School and to participate in the activities of another year whenever the opportunity arose.

To begin the school year, the class chose a rather one-sided executive staff, since three of the four offices were filled by boys. The only girl to be elected to office was Bonnie Shaver, who was chosen as secretary of the class. Roland Moore, a member of Edison's football squad; Roland Gregory, a lad of artistic inclinations; and Edward Shudick, an athlete on the B-Team, were elected to fill the positions of president, vice-president, and treasurer respectively. Bonnie Rogers and Carl Thorne represented the sophomores in Edison's legislative body, the Student Council. Mrs. Etienne and Mr. Thom served as class sponsors to advise and direct the class.

Upon entering school on enrollment day, the members of the class had to begin to think more seriously about their future. Each person had to begin to plan his own course of study to prepare for whatever occupation he expected to

follow after leaving high school, a worthy place in society, and a good citizen.

Although the class set up its organization at the beginning of the school year, the sophomore class as well as other classes delayed starting their activities until after the steel strike was over. Students had the opportunity of attending the football games which had been scheduled previously and were not canceled because of the strike. The basketball season opened according to schedule, and school dances were held after the basketball games; otherwise, the carnival and other school activities, in which the sophomores as well as other classes participate, were postponed until after the strike was settled. Thus, all classes and organizations had difficulty in financing their regular activities of the school year. Although the steel strike caused a delay in the opening of school activities except athletics, it did not hinder the regular daily program of study.

The sophomores fell into the swing of activities by giving their dance after the Wirt-Edison basketball game on November 16. Having sponsored dances during their freshman year, the sophomores proved themselves experienced



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and capable of managing any school activity that they might have the privilege to sponsor.

With each year's attendance in high school, a student's interest in social groups and organizations continues to grow, which can be proved by the number of sophomores joining the various clubs and organizations in Edison.

After a full semester's work and the first semester final examination was passed, the sophomores were ready for an equally active second semester. The members of the class gave their second dance following the Portage-Edison game on February 3. The class was

quite proud of being able to sponsor the most profitable dance in Edison during the school year.

As the month of May rolled around at last, it was time to take the test that would finally decide the fate of a few of the members of the class; however, the majority of the members won the title of juniors for the school year of 1950-51. At the close of the school year, the sophomores passed the half-way mark in striving for that high school diploma and were proud to be ranked as upper classmen in Edison High School.

*Top row*—David Capron, Ralph Kietzman, George Jacobs, William Metz, Donald Blagg, Ray Rich, Norman Ellis, Richard Jones, Robert O'Connor, Carl Thorne, James Palmer, James Fritts, Gene King, Thomas Murray.

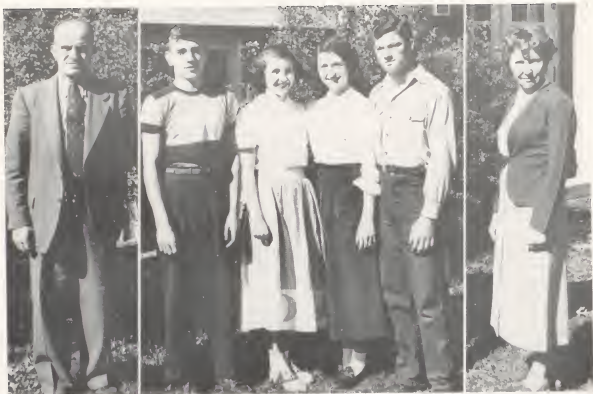
*Fourth row*—Robert Jarosak, Donald Brimmer, Edwin Fronczak, Perry Pappas, Edward Daily, Arthur Kupke, William Boyden, Charles Haas, Daniel Orleck, Eric Scharf, Robert McDaniel, Everett Ford.

*Third row*—Patricia Schreff, Mary Ann Patterson, Dolores Leiper, Betty Thompson, Phyllis Mattingly, Janet McBride, Lois Haburjak, Alyce Forney, Mary Kirk, Blanche Lawson, Georgia George, Eleanore Miller, Imogene Owens, Connie Rush.

*Second row*—Regina Jones, Beverly Leathurby, Sylvia Van Cleef, Nancy O'Rourke, Carolyn Olzyniak, Joan Rizzo, Bonnie Rogers, Roberta Clemens, Anna Grusak, Anita Cardenas, Delores Molnar, Thelma Mitchell, Mary Husarik, Pauline Ronk.

*Front row*—Barbara Prott, Greta Duncan, Patsy Eberhardt, Rosemary Venturella, Dolores Pomaranski, Anna Mae Clark, Helen Baker, Shirley Ennis.





Mr. Baliff, sponsor; Richard Majewski, vice-president; Betty Coulter, president; Dorothy Muraco, secretary; Jerome Johnson, treasurer; Mrs. Crisman, sponsor.

## JUNIOR CLASS

After two years of attendance in high school, a junior usually considers himself an established citizen of the school community.

According to tradition, the class members elected their officers at the beginning of the school year with Betty Coulter as president—the only class in school having a girl fill the highest office in the class—with Richard Majewski assisting as vice-president. Dorothy Muraco and Jerome Johnson were chosen as officials in charge of the minutes and monetary matters respectively. Mrs. Crisman and Mr. Baliff served as guides to the Class of '51. A steering committee consisting of Ronald Hatfield as chairman, with Julia Shakula, Winifred Jackson, Ida Melton, Ralph Larson, and Maurice Porlier as assistants was appointed to assist in executing the numerous affairs of the class.

The biggest problem of the junior class was how to finance the annual Junior-Senior Prom. The steering committee as well as the officers,

sponsors, and class members spent many hours planning various means to raise sufficient funds for the prom and still have a satisfactory balance reserved to help defray the expenses of their senior trip.

The annual junior class play was given before a capacity crowd, which greatly enjoyed the three-act domestic comedy entitled "Polishing Papa," on November 4, 1949. Although the play netted the class a tidy sum of money, it could not possibly clear a profit which was sufficient to pay the entire expenses of the prom; consequently, the class had to devise other schemes that would help to increase the amount of money to be credited to its account.

Each junior anxiously awaited the day when the sparkling symbols of his seniority would arrive. When the class rings arrived on November 29, each junior managed to wave his hand in an extraordinary fashion in order to show his prize possession.

## JUNIOR CLASS (Continued)

The first of their activities for a good time as well as raising funds was a dance given after the Wirt basketball game on November 16. Another money-making project was the raffling of two Easter hams on April 5. Their next activity of the year was the annual Pre-Prom Dance which was given on May 12.

On the eventful night of May 23, all juniors and seniors with their guests and faculty members had the privilege of attending the annual Junior-Senior Prom which was held at the Marquette Park Pavilion. The theme of the prom was "There's No Tomorrow." Members of the junior and senior classes who attended the prom enjoyed the music of Reynold Young

and his orchestra. Especially significant to the girls were the white and pink prom programs which were very colorful.

According to the opinion of many students in high school, the junior year is the most important year while others think the senior year is, being the last year and filled with final activities. At any rate the juniors proved just how enthusiastic they were about their third year of school by the success and pleasure they obtained from all of their activities.

When the report cards were passed out on May 25, most of the juniors became the proud possessors of the title, seniors.

*Top row*—James Wilkins, Thomas Nolan, Joseph Nagy, John Oscar, Frank Jakich, Maurice Porlier, Robert Burnham, Robert Claussen, Paul Leathurby, Frank Pittman, Donald Kirk, Donar Teske.

*Third row*—Kenneth Webb, Walter Kosinski, Carl Eyrich, Ralph Larson, Frank Arndt, Ronald Hatfield, Randall Riley, James McBride, Robert Munro, Howard Shaver, Sidney Hoskins.

*Second row*—Lois Gledich, Emma Pedroza, Joyce Wilson, Evelyn Grishka, Julia Shaakula, Peggy Whittaker, Ida Melton, Patricia Vizona, Clara Weber, Winifred Jackson, Mardi Lee Palmatcer, Darlene Homolla.

*Front row*—Essie Neal, Carol Athan, Muriel Hamilton, Lillian Zack, Janet Hutson, Marian Dreyovich, Joy Blake, Anita McPhee, Jacqueline Salen.





## SENIORS

### WILLIAM C. POTTS

"Bill"

Senior Class President, Freshman Vice-President, Football, Baseball, Freshman Basketball Team, E-Men's Club, *Edisonian* Advertising Manager.

### GERALDINE JABLONSKI

"Jeb"

Senior and Junior Class Vice-President, Freshman Class Secretary, Edison Commercial Club Secretary, Sunshine Society, Girls' Athletic Association, Girls' Chorus, Mixed Choir, Senior Trio, Choraleones, *Eagle Feathers* Staff, *Edisonian* Salesman, Science Club, Junior Class Play, Senior Class Play.

### NANCY JEAN FEJES

"Nan"

Senior Class Secretary, Freshman Student Council Representative, Sunshine Society, Edison Commercial Club, Girls' Athletic Association, Science Club, Girls' Chorus Treasurer, Mixed Choir, Choraleones, Mixed Ensemble, *Edisonian* Associate Editor, *Eagle Feathers* Staff, Junior Class Play, Senior Class Play.

### ROBERT STEGALL

"Squirrel"

Senior Class Treasurer, Hi-Y Secretary, Science Club, Senior Speech Club, Boys' Chorus, Mixed Choir, Boys' Quartet, Mixed Ensemble, Band President, Pep Band, Brass Sextet, Football and Basketball Student Manager, Senior Class Play.

### RAYMOND A. ARINGTON

"Ray"

Hi-Y Chaplain, Science Club, Boys' Chorus, Mixed Choir, Freshman Boys' Quartet, Band, Pep Band, Football, Track, Senior Speech Club, E-Men's Club.

### ARNOLD BARBKNECHT

"Arnie"

*Edisonian* Editor, *Eagle Feathers* Associate Editor, Student Council Vice-President, Hi-Y Secretary, Latin District Contest Winner, Edison Commercial Club, Senior Speech Club, Science Club, Junior Class Play, English Assistant, Library Assistant, Senior Class Play, Latin State Contest Winner.

### KARTER ROBERT BLANEY

"Bob"

Freshman Class President, E-Men's Club President, Senior Speech Club, Student Council Vice-President, Football, Varsity, B-Team, Freshman Basketball Team, Baseball.

### JAMES CLAUSSEN

"Jim"

E-Men's Club, Football.

# SENIORS

CHARLOTTE C. CLEMENS

"Clem"

Sunshine Society Vice-President, Edison Commercial Club President, Girls' Athletic Association, Girls' Chorus, Mixed Choir, *Eagle Feathers* Staff, *Edisonian* Salesman, Science Club.

GEORGE COFFMAN

"Coffee"

E-Men's Club, Baseball.

ETHEL HELEN COOK

"Cookie"

Sunshine Society President, Edison Commercial Club, Girls' Athletic Association Vice-President, Science Club, Girls' Chorus, *Eagle Feathers* Staff, *Edisonian* Advertising Manager.

ELLEN EILEEN CROCKER

"Ei"

Junior Class Play, Sunshine Society, Edison Commercial Club, *Eagle Feathers* Staff, Girls' Chorus, Mixed Choir, Science Club.

ESTHER DEMO

"Est"

Junior Class Secretary, Sunshine Society, Edison Commercial Club Treasurer, Senior Speech Club, Girls' Chorus, Mixed Choir, Choralenes, Mixed Ensemble, District Latin Contest, Science Club Secretary, Sophomore Trio, Senior Class Play.

ALAN KEITH EBERHARDT

"Al"

Student Council, Hi-Y Treasurer, Science Club, Boys' Chorus, Mixed Choir, Band, Pep Band, Football, Track, Trombone Quartet, Brass Sextet, Brass Quartet, Trombone Trio, Senior Quartet, E-Men's Club.

SALLY ANN FEJES

"Sal"

Junior Class Play, Sunshine Society Vice-President, Edison Commercial Club, Girls' Athletic Association, Science Club, Student Council Secretary and Treasurer, Girls' Chorus, Mixed Choir, Choralenes, Mixed Ensemble, Sophomore Trio, *Eagle Feathers* Editor, *Edisonian* Advertising Manager and Salesman.

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"Herman"

Science Club.



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### JAMES FLETCHER

"Fletch"

Hi-Y, Senior Speech Club, Boys' Chorus, Mixed Choir, Band Quartermaster, Pep Band, Brass Sextet, Football, Varsity, B-Team, Freshman Basketball Team, Baseball, Track, Science Club.

### ROBERT FORD

"Henry"

### ROBERT GALIK

"Gob"

Football, E-Men's Club.

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"Al"

*Edisonian* and *Eagle Feathers* Sports Editor, Edison Commercial Club, District Math Contest, Boys' Chorus, Mixed Choir, Varsity, B-Team, Freshman Basketball Team, Track, Senior Class Play.

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"Millie"

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"Greek"

Hi-Y, Football, Freshman Basketball Team, E-Men's Club.

### VERA GRUSAK

Edison Commercial Club, Sunshine Society, Student Council, Girls' Chorus, Mixed Choir.

### DONALD GUSTAFSON

"Gus"

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# SENIORS

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"Russ"

Senior Speech Club, Boys' Chorus, Mixed Choir,  
Senior Boys' Quartet, Track, E-Men's Club.

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"Hires"

*Edisonian* Advertising Manager, Student Council,  
E-Men's Club Vice-President, Boys' Chorus,  
Mixed Choir Treasurer, Football Co-Captain.

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"Hot-Rod Kid"

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Sunshine Society, Girls' Athletic Association, Girls'  
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FORREST JACKSON

"Jack"

Junior Class Play, Hi-Y, E-Men's Club, Boys'  
Chorus, Mixed Choir, Mixed Ensemble, Band, Pep  
Band, Football, Varsity, B-Team, Freshman Bas-  
ketball Team, Track, Baseball, Senior Class Play.

GEORGE KAMINSKI

"Hook"

Football, E-Men's Club.

WILLIAM M. KNIGHT

"Bill"

Hi-Y, E-Men's Club, Football.

MAE C. LEATHURBY

"Maizie"

Edison Commercial Club, Sunshine Society,  
Science Club, Girls' Chorus, Mixed Choir, *Eagle*  
*Feathers* Staff.





## SENIORS

### RUSSELL LEIMBACHER

"Leimy"

Junior Class Play, Hi-Y Vice-President, *Eagle Feathers* Art Editor, Band, Pep Band, Senior Class Play.

### MICHAEL LUBECK

"Louie"

E-Men's Club, Football, Varsity, Freshman Basketball Team, Baseball, Track.

### HELEN MARETICH

Junior Class Play, Sunshine Society, Edison Commercial Club, District Latin Contest, Girls' Chorus, Mixed Choir, *Eagle Feathers* Staff, Science Club Treasurer, Senior Speech Club, Senior Class Play.

### JULIA MAST

Sunshine Society, Girls' Athletic Association, Science Club, Girls' Chorus, *Eagle Feathers* Staff, *Edisonian* Salesman.

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"Fuzzy"

Sophomore Class Treasurer, E-Men's Club, Science Club, Band, Pep Band, Football, Freshman Basketball Team, Track.

### CHARLES MUZIO

"Dewey"

E-Men's Club, Football, Varsity, B-Team, Freshman Basketball Team, Baseball.

### MARY LOUISE OWEN

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Sunshine Society Secretary, Edison Commercial Club, Senior Speech Club, Science Club, Girls' Chorus, Mixed Choir, Band Librarian, Pep Band, Trombone Quartet, Brass Quartet, Trombone Trio.

### JOHN PAHOS

"Greek"

E-Men's Club, Senior Speech Club, Mixed Choir, Football, Varsity, Track.



# SENIORS

JAMES E. RICH  
"Jim"

LEOTA SANDERS  
"Lee"

Junior Class Play, Sunshine Society, Edison Commercial Club, Science Club, Girls' Chorus, Senior Trio, Junior Quartet, Choralenes, Sophomore Trio, Band, *Eagle Feathers* Staff, Principal's Assistant.

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Junior Class Play, Sunshine Society, Edison Commercial Club, Girls' Athletic Association, Senior Speech Club, Girls' Chorus, Mixed Choir, *Eagle Feathers* Staff, Senior Class Play.

MARLENE ELLA SCHARF  
"Mar"

Junior Class Play, Sunshine Society, Edison Commercial Club, Senior Speech Club, Science Club, Girls' Chorus, Mixed Choir, *Eagle Feathers* Staff, *Edisonian* Salesman.

DONALD E. SCHLEFF  
"Buttercup"

Junior Class Play, Senior Speech Club, E-Men's Club, B-Team, Freshman Basketball Team.

EDNA SCHULZE

Sunshine Society, Edison Commercial Club, Science Club, Girls' Chorus.

LUTHER D. SCHWAGER  
"Luke"

Hi-Y, Boys' Chorus, B-Team, Freshman Basketball Team, E-Men's Club.

ARDELLA JEAN SHAVER

Sunshine Society, Edison Commercial Club, Girls' Chorus.



## SENIORS

LUCILLE SMITH

"Luc"

Sunshine Society, Edison Commercial Club Vice-President, Science Club, Girls' Chorus, *Eagle Feathers* Staff.

NORMA JEAN SMITH

"Smitty"

Girls' Chorus, Sunshine Society, Science Club, Girls' Athletic Association.

MAUREEN SULLIVAN

"Mo"

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YVONNE TAYLOR

"Bonnie"

Junior Class Play, Sunshine Society Secretary, Edison Commercial Club, Girls' Athletic Association, Senior Speech Club, Girls' Chorus, Mixed Choir, Choraleues, Mixed Ensemble.

HAROLD THEWS

"Hambo"

Senior Speech Club Vice-President, *Edisonian* Salesman.

MARION E. TUTHILL

"Tut"

DONALD E. WALKER

"Ding"

Junior Class President, Pep Band, Boys' Chorus, Mixed Choir, Band, E-Men's Club, Football, B-Team, Freshman Basketball Team, Track, Science Club.

JAMES WEBBER

"Jim"

Football, Freshman Basketball Team, E-Men's Club.



# SENIORS

THOMAS F. WEBBER

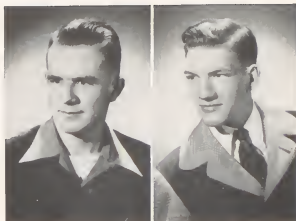
"Pooch"

Hi-Y, E-Men's Club, Football, Track, Senior Class Play.

KAY DON WILLIAMS

"Rusty"

Hi-Y, Senior Speech Club, Science Club, Boys' Chorus, Mixed Choir, Band President and Student Conductor, Pep Band, Saxophone Sextet and Quartet, *Eagle Feathers* Staff, Cheerleader.



JOAN WILSON

"Jo"

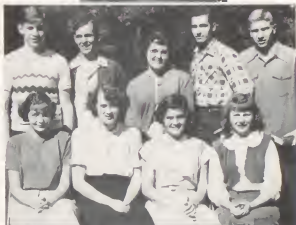
Sunshine Society, Edison Commercial Club, Senior Speech Club, *Eagle Feathers* Staff, Principal's Assistant, Senior Class Play.



## Senior Steering Committee

*Top row*—Robert Hires, Robert Stegall, Esther Demo, Donald Schleff, Donald Walker.

*Front row*—Eleanor Schaffer, Leota Sanders, Geraldine Jablonski, Marlene Scharf.



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## SENIOR CLASS

On September 3, 1946, a group of somewhat timid and bewildered but very important freshmen entered the doors of Edison High School to spend what proved to be the most delightful and memorable years of their lives.

At the beginning of their high school career, the members of the class elected their first group of officers for their first year in high school: Robert Blaney, president; William Potts, vice-president; Geraldine Jablonski, secretary; Maureen Sullivan, treasurer, under the guidance of their class sponsors, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Hoffman. The Class of '50 sponsored its first high school activity, which was a school dance, on November 2, 1946. Since they were very energetic freshmen, they decorated the gymnasium with gay and beautiful colors which helped to make the dance the "hit" of the year and set a precedent for the dances the rest of the year. According to the traditional check at the close of the school year, the freshmen were found to be much wiser and quite anxious to become sophomores the next year.

Probably the first time in the history of Edison, all the classes had the privilege of choosing their class sponsors; thus, the members of the class chose Mr. Baliff and Mrs. Etienne as their sponsors and Victor Fronczak as class president; Donald Schleff, vice-president; Donald Gustafson, secretary; and James Metz, treasurer. The boys of the class had the privilege of participating in a new sport at Edison for the first time in the history of the school, and those who did not play on the squad joined Edison's group of enthusiastic football fans. A member of the sophomore class, Victor Fronczak, gained the honor of making Edison's first touchdown on September 6, 1947, in Edison's first game with Merrillville in Brickie Bowl in Hobart. However, Vic left the sophomore class to join the juniors the second semester. In sponsoring activities as a class, the high light of the year was the sophomore skating party at Crystal Roller Rink.

As they entered their junior year, a very important year, they were classed as upper classmen—and, oh, how they did strut. Since the Class of '50 seemed to have a knack of selecting capable officers, it has quite a record of giving good officers a chance to perform a still better job after having experience and elected the following: Donald Walker, president; Geraldine Jablonski, vice-president; Esther Demo, secretary; Maureen Sullivan, treasurer. They chose Mr. Brennan and Mrs. Crisman as class sponsors at the beginning of the year;

however, Mr. Brennan was replaced by Mrs. Etienne during the year. "Take Your Medicine," the junior class play, was the first important event of the year and was presented on November 12, 1948, a night on which every would-be junior star shone brightly. The juniors sponsored quite a variety of activities. Their first dance, in which they set a precedent by using movies instead of records, was followed by a Variety Show and Pre-Prom Dance. Their happiest school day of the year was the eventful day on which their pride and joy—their class rings—arrived; in fact, the juniors were excited for days as they exhibited their prize possession. The juniors spent many long hours in planning and preparing for their next event to which they had looked forward for three years—the Junior-Senior Prom, which was held at Marquette Pavilion on May 26, the night before the close of school. This was the night that they dressed in formal attire—many of them for the first time—and spent an enchanted evening while dancing to the music of Ken Nolan's orchestra. After the prom, they journeyed to places far and wide in order to have a complete as well as perfect evening. After the Prom, the juniors began to look forward to their future and most important year—the senior year.

To begin their last year of their high school career, they elected William Potts as president; Geraldine Jablonski, vice-president; Nancy Fejes, secretary; Robert Stegall, treasurer, and chose Mrs. Jana and Mr. Sexton as class sponsors. The seniors opened their activities of the year by giving a sock dance in the new gym. The class began working diligently at the task of raising funds for their pre-graduation trip. As one means of raising funds, the class gave a series of movies on Wednesday night of each week. Although the seniors had a fine selection of movies this year, they just could not seem to make any profit on them. To ease the money situation, they sponsored a bingo party and surprised every one by making it a great success; thus, they were assured of their long awaited trip.

The senior class play, "Bolts and Nuts," was given on April 21. The members of the cast worked very hard to make the play a success and were rewarded by such compliments as "It was the best play I ever saw."

Then, at last the early hour of the great day of May 17 arrived, as the seniors scrambled into the bus that took them to Detroit. Upon arriving in Detroit, they boarded the luxurious ship, "The Greater Detroit," and embarked upon a memorable three-day cruise.

## SENIOR CLASS (Continued)

Following the trip, the seniors were rushed into a frenzied week consisting of Baccalaureate, examinations, Junior-Senior Prom, and Commencement. Many times, they stopped and

wondered whether they would finish the week. Yes, when it was over, they breathed a sigh of relief although every one felt a little sorrowful about leaving dear old Edison.

## COMMENCEMENT

The traditional sad week of leave-taking by the senior class was opened with the Baccalaureate Service, which was held on Sunday, May 21, at which time Rev. Koors of the East Gary Catholic Church gave the sermon. Forrest Jackson gave the invocation, and James Fletcher gave the benediction. The Boys' Quartet sang "Stouthearted Men." The members marched to the processional played by Mrs. Jana. After the sermon the Choralenes rendered "The Lord's Prayer."

As the familiar strains of the traditional commencement march, "Pomp and Circumstance," was played by the Band, the fifty-nine members of the graduating class slowly began their dignified march to the stage—the last activity of the Class of '50. The boys attired in Yale blue and the girls in white, made a very distinguished looking procession.

The valedictorian, salutatorian, and third

ranking member—Arnold Barbknecht, Helen Maretich, and Alan Ganz—and the class president, William Potts, gave speeches respectively entitled "The Road Ahead," "The Drama of Education," "The Material Value of Education," and "The President's Farewell." Marlene Scharf offered the invocation at commencement, with Raymond Arington giving the benediction. During the program, the Band played "Melodies by Grieg."

Mr. Roos presented the awards of merit, with the valedictorian medal going to Arnold Barbknecht and the salutatorian medal to Helen Maretich. Nancy Fejes, Sally Fejes, and Donald Gustafson received activities awards. Michael Lubeck, the all-round athlete, received the athletic award. American Legion awards were presented to Maureen Sullivan and Alan Ganz. Geraldine Jablonski and Robert Blancy received the awards given by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.





# STUDY







## ENGLISH

No, no, no, you never say "had went" or "not nothing"; such as these irritate the ears and nerves of the English teachers. However, three years of English are required, and Mrs. Crisman and Mrs. Etienne supervise the time of the students spent in this department.



## LATIN

Under the direction of Mrs. Crisman the Latin classes help Caesar subdue Gaul and (for the first time in Edison's history) Cicero to oust Cataline from the senate. Since Latin is very beneficial to one's vocabulary, students planning on going to college take two years of it.



## SOCIAL STUDIES

To know one's country is an absolute necessity in this world. In order to know his country, a person must study his country's past in order to judge the future. Mr. Thom and Mr. Baliff teach the subjects in the social studies field which consists of United States history, civics, economics, economic geography, and world history.



## MATHEMATICS

'Rithmetic has long been the main one of the three "R's." For it's necessary for a person to be able to figure his finances accurately in order to exist. Mrs. Burger and Mr. Hinkle teach the subjects from which students can select their two years of study in mathematics such as algebra, geometry, and applied mathematics.



## SCIENCE

One year of science is required to graduate. Most students elect biology to fill this requirement. However in this day and age students are beginning to demand more knowledge in the science curriculum. For these students advanced courses such as senior science and physics are offered by Mrs. Brown and Mr. Hinkle.





### COMMERCE

"K-p-n, coupon; f-d-s-a-f, etc." can be heard throughout the class period in the commercial room. Mostly students take courses in the commercial department who are preparing for office jobs. Miss Hartley teaches all the subjects in the commercial field which are shorthand, typing, office practice, and bookkeeping.



### HOME ECONOMICS

Girls must know how to cook and sew and even administer first aid in order to be a good home-maker. Mrs. Metz endeavors to impress the girls with the basic fundamentals of home-making.



### SHOP

Since most boys readily adapt themselves to work which calls for the use of a pair of creative hands, Edison has provided a liberal and advanced course in industrial arts. Mr. Sexton teaches the boys the essentials of all types of shop work.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Freshman and sophomore girls and boys taking physical education really enjoy these classes because it enables them "to let off steam" without getting demerits. For most students this is the most pleasant requirement for graduation.

The girls are taught grace and poise along with body-building by Mrs. Metz, while the boys are taught skillful use of the body as well as body-building by Mr. Baliff.



## STUDY HALL

Getting one's lessons naturally creates a problem which is "supposedly" solved by study halls.





### **LIBRARY**

The library, or refuge from study hall—as it is better known by some students—is managed by Mrs. Brown. Here, students do reference work and reading for pleasure.



### **INTERMISSION**

During the five minute intermission period, it seems as though Edison has twice as many students as it really has. The New York subway has nothing on Edison High School!

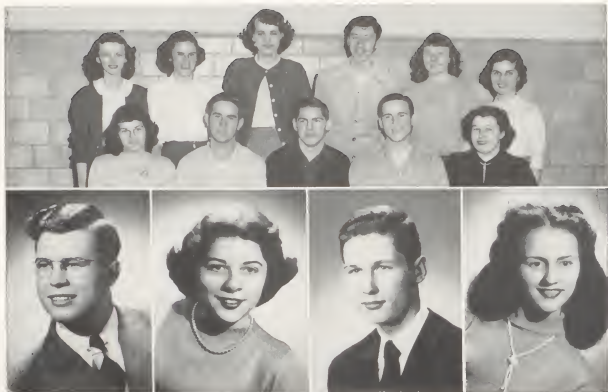


### **CONVOCAION**

Educational as well as entertaining programs are scheduled throughout the school year in order to give the students a break in the regular routine of a school day.

# ACTIVITIES





*Top row*—Salesmen: Charlotte Clemens, Julia Mast, Leota Sanders, Harold Thews, Marlene Scharf, Geraldine Jablonski.

*Middle row*—Advertising Managers: Sally Fejes, Donald Gustafson, Robert Hires, William Potts, Ethel Cook.

*Bottom row*—Arnold Barbknecht, Editor; Nancy Fejes, Associate Editor; Alan Ganz, Sports Editor; Maureen Sullivan, Business Manager.

## EDISONIAN STAFF

**MISS HARTLEY**  
*Edisonian Sponsor*



Determination was the basis on which the *Edisonian* staff so faithfully worked during 1949-50. Because of the steel strike at the beginning of the school term, the financing and work on the annual were delayed this year. The staff endeavored to make this year's annual the largest, the most complete, and best book ever to be published in Edison High School by including all the important activities from the beginning to the end of the school year.

We, the staff, wish to express our gratitude to Miss Hartley, whose inspiring guidance made the yearbook possible, to all the faculty members, who so willingly gave us their aid, and to all others who have helped us complete this 1950 *Edisonian*.



*Top row*—Eileen Crocker, Mildred Gray, Marilyn Howell, Kay Don Williams, Maureen Sullivan, William Potts, Leota Sanders, Donald Gustafson, Alan Ganz.

*Front row*—Mrs. Crisman, Ethel Cook, Joan Wilson, Nancy Fejes, Charlotte Clemens, Julia Mast, Geraldine Jablonski, Helen Maretich, Dolores Pomaranski, Darlene Homolla, Marlene Scharf, Dolores Rearick, Miss Hartley, Arnold Barbknecht.

*Seated*—Russell Leimbacher, Sally Fejes.

## EAGLE FEATHERS

"Have you any news for us?" was the familiar question asked by the staff to keep the 1949-1950 *Eagle Feathers* up-to-date on the news. The members of the staff discovered at the beginning of the school year that gathering news was not exactly all the fun that they had anticipated it to be. Yes, then, they learned that printing a school paper was a lot of work, and they wondered many times who appreciated it. However, when the rush for the paper had subsided on Friday afternoon, they knew that the students were glad to have a paper, so they began making plans for the next issue.

Mrs. Crisman and Miss Hartley were their able sponsors again this year, and without them the staff could not have published *Eagle Feathers* every two weeks.

### Staff

Editor.....	Sally Fejes
Associate Editor.....	Arnold Barbknecht
Sports Editor.....	Donald Gustafson
Associate Sports Editor.....	Alan Ganz
Art Editor.....	Russell Leimbacher
Business Manager.....	Maureen Sullivan

### Reporters and Machine Operators

Nancy Fejes, Charlotte Clemens, Ethel Cook, Eileen Crocker, Marlene Scharf, Eleanor Schaffer, Helen Maretich, Julia Mast, Geraldine Jablonski, Joan Wilson, Mildred Gray, Joan Hurd, Lucille Smith, Leota Sanders, Darlene Homolla, Kay Don Williams, Dolores Pomaranski, Dolores Rearick.

Sponsors—Mrs. Crisman and Miss Hartley





*Top row*—John Oscar, Mardi Lee Palmateer, Evelyn Grishka, Joyce Wilson, Maurice Porlier, Ida Melton, James McBride.

*Front row*—Lillian Zack, Dorothy Muraco, Joseph Nagy, Darlene Homolla, Robert Munro, Mrs. Crisman.

## JUNIOR CLASS PLAY

"Polishing Papa," a three-act domestic comedy, was presented by the Junior Class on November 4, 1949.

A college education can change the ideals of a lot of people, even to the extent of trying to

reform their father, who is very content with being an uncultured sausage manufacturer. However, Papa became polished even though the son and daughter did not influence the one they wished.

### Cast of Characters

Mrs. Stevens, housekeeper for Sidney Smith.....	Darlene Homolla
Marie, a maid.....	Ida Melton
Sidney Smith a rich sausage manufacturer.....	Joseph Nagy
Samuel Karmen, an advertising solicitor.....	John Oscar
Arthur Smith, eager to invest his dad's money.....	Maurice Porlier
Jane Smith, Arthur's sister.....	Joyce Wilson
Dick Brainerd, a young attorney.....	Robert Munro
Rose Parker, with whom Arthur is in love.....	Dorothy Muraco
Reginald Dalney, an English Lord.....	James McBride
Peggy Sampson, a friend of the Smiths.....	Lillian Zack
Director.....	Mrs. Crisman





*Top row*—Leota Sanders, Helen Maretich, Donald Gustafson, Forrest Jackson, Alan Ganz, Eleanor Schaffer, Arnold Barbknecht, Russell Leimbacher, Mrs. Crisman.

*Front row*—Nancy Fejes, Thomas Webber, Geraldine Jablonski, Joan Wilson, Robert Stegall, Esther Demo.

## SENIOR CLASS PLAY

On the evening of April 21, the senior class presented "Bolts and Nuts," a three-act comedy-mystery romance.

Intending to pay his dictatorial sister for the unpleasantness which she had caused, Benjamin Bolt left his sister \$50,000 hidden somewhere in his old mansion which was the home of a mental patient named Samuel Henry at the Boaz Asylum.

When the easily influenced spinster turned her inherited home into a rest home for the mentally ill, she received patients with all sorts of phobias. However, the play came to a climax with Rebecca getting her money, Twink getting his girl, and the only person who proved to be actually a lunatic was Dr. Hippocrates Joy, the psychiatrist.

### The Cast of Characters

Rebecca Bolt, manager of Bolt Sanitarium for Mental Hygiene.....	Eleanor Schaffer
Benita Bolt, Rebecca's niece.....	Nancy Fejes
Lutie Spinks, the maid who winks.....	Joan Wilson
Martha Grubb, the cook, a melancholiac.....	Esther Demo
Twink Starr, Benita's fiance, with delusions of grandeur.....	Robert Stegall
Dr. Hippocrates Joy, a psychiatrist.....	Alan Ganz
Henry Goober, the porter, afraid of lunatics.....	Forrest Jackson
Phineas Plunkett, a lawyer with a humility complex.....	Russell Leimbacher
Miss Prunella Figg, a patient with claustrophobia.....	Helen Maretich
Cadwalader Clippy, a patient afraid of cats.....	Donald Gustafson
Mrs. Gertie Glossop, a patient who fears contamination.....	Geraldine Jablonski
Wilbur Glossop, her darling child.....	Thomas Webber
Jack Gordon, a young interne.....	Arnold Barbknecht
Director.....	Mrs. Crisman



*Standing*—Donald Walker, Mr. Snedeker, Russell Leimbacher, Richard Jones.

*Third row*—Norma Jean Smith, Barbara Havrilesko, Dallas Lehman, Alyce Forney, Kathleen Blagg, Patricia Taylor, Nancy Martin, Alan Eberhardt, Mary Louise Owen, Maurice Porlier, Carter Jackson, James Fletcher, Carl Thorne, Robert Stegall, Jerome Johnson, Daniel Orleck, William Funkhouser, John Oscar, Bruce Bailey, Joyce Brown, John DeVaney, Joseph Nagy, Forrest Jackson, Arnold Stegall.

*Second row*—Phyllis Sykes, Susan Armenth, Phyllis Bumbera, Richard Uhler, Sally Summers, Joyce Miner, Betty Coulter, Marilyn Kersey, Lillian Zack, Kay Don Williams, Donald Blagg, Bernard Najar, Bruce Swift.

*Front row*—Marian Dreyovich, Dorothy Muraco, Connie Rush, Barbara Prott, Ray Arington, Leota Sanders, Darlene Homolla, Wayne Brown, James McBride.

## BAND

Under the direction of Mr. Snedeker, Edison's new instructor, the Band gave an excellent performance at its annual Christmas Concert on December 20, at which time the members of the Band combined their efforts with the choruses, as well as its annual Spring Concert on April 3. A new and most welcome feature at the spring concert was a snack bar.

At the district solo and ensemble contest held at Crown Point on February 18, the trombone trio, clarinet duet, cornet trio, and brass sextet won first place. Second place positions were won by the Edison clarinet quartet, Central clarinet quartet, and the Columbus quartet. First place solo winners were Joyce Cunningham, Phyllis Sykes, Dallas Lehman, Richard Uhler, Arnold Stegall, Russell Leimbacher, and Kay Don Williams; second place winners were Norma Smith, Susan Armenth, Wayne Brown, James McBride, Beverly Berg, Betty Coulter, Marian Dreyovich, and Marilyn Kersey; and third place winners were Mary Louise Owen,

Dorothy Muraco, and Carter Jackson.

First place winners of the district solo and ensemble contest journeyed to Indianapolis on March 25. The brass sextet won first place and the trombone trio, second. Kay Don Williams and Russell Leimbacher won first and second respectively as soloists.

After winning first place in the district contest, the Band entered the state contest to win second place honors for the second time in its history.

On May 4, 5, and 6, the members of the Band enjoyed a trip through Detroit, Battle Creek, and Greenfield Village in Michigan and crossed the border into Canada.

Officers for the year were as follows: Robert Stegall, president; Joseph Nagy, vice-president; Dorothy Muraco, secretary; Jerome Johnson, treasurer; Mary Louise Owen, librarian; Maurice Porlier, assistant librarian; and Kay Don Williams, student director.

### CLARINET QUARTET

Marian Dreyovich, Dorothy Muraco, Connie Rush, Barbara Prott.



### BRASS SEXTET

Mary Louise Owen, Robert Stegall, James Fletcher, Joyce Miner, John DeVaney, Arnold Stegall.



### PEP BAND

*Top row*—Alan Eberhardt, James Fletcher, Mary Louise Owen.

*Fourth row*—Betty Coulter, Darlene Homolla, Marian Dreyovich.

*Third row*—John Oscar, Robert Stegall, Jerome Johnson.

*Second row*—Connie Rush, Barbara Prott, Russell Leimbacher.

*Front row*—John DeVaney, Arnold Stegall, Donald Walker.





## GIRLS' CHORUS

*Top row*—Betty Truett, Lois Haburjak, Janet McBride, Shirley Emiss, Helen Baker, Anna Grusak, Roberta Clemens, Sarah Charlotte Wolfe, Mary Husarik, Imogene Owens, Mary Ann Patterson, Bonnie Shaver, Patsy Eberhardt, Greta Duncan.

*Third row*—Georgia George, Bonnie Rogers, Joan Watts, Dolores Pomaranski, Anna Mae Clark, Marjorie Mize, Sherry Niehaus, Carolyn Salen, Florence Smith, Mary Ann Tucker, Yvonne Petruzelli, Regina Jones, Dolores Molnar, Thelma Mitchell.

*Second row*—Eleanor Miller, Hattie Sutherland, Emma Pedroza, Beverly Leathurby, Dolores Rearick, Patricia Munro, Mrs. Jana, Barbara Smith, Donna Bogden, Mary Ann Torrez, Merle McDonald, Jean St. Meyers, Nancy Quinlan, Pauline Ronk.

*Front row*—Phyllis Mattingly, Charlyne Van Cleef, Nancy O'Rourke, Sylvia Van Cleef, Lois Heck, Joan Rizzo, Carolyn Olzyniak, Rosemary Venturella, Ruth Burchardt, Suzanne Anderson, Geraldine Demo, Beverly Bottila, Betty Thompson.

## BOYS' CHORUS

*Top row*—Roy Claussen, Oral Peck, Lorin Burns, Robert Blossom, Donald Kuzma, Kenneth Webb, Frank Jakich, Ronald Hatfield, James Wolfe.

*Third row*—Ronald Park, Dennis Anderson, William O'Kelly, Robert Burnham, Robert Shoemaker, Edward Shudick, Marty Fatak, Robert Jarosak.

*Second row*—Gary Ganz, Ralph Larson, Robert Hires, Mrs. Jana, Donald Gustafson, James Palmer, Robert Munro.

*Front row*—Roger Bottila, Dale Hodges, George Moy, Robert Lazzaroni, Blaze Kozak, Nicholas Kolosci.

## MIXED CHOIR

*Top row*—Ronald Park, Anna Grusak, Bonnie Rogers, Helen Maretich, Nancy Fejes, Robert Hires, Donald Gustafson, Ronald Hatfield, Kenneth Webb, Frank Jakich, Robert Munroe, Maureen Sullivan, Marlene Scharf, Eleanor Schaffer, Marty Fatak.

*Third row*—William O'Kelly, Suzanne Anderson, Mae Leathurby, Helen Baker, Mary Husarik, Ralph Larson, Donald Kuzma, Robert Shoemaker, James Palmer, Edward Shudick, Robert Jarosak, Esther Demo, Eileen Crocker, Ethel Cook, James Wolfe.

*Second row*—Dennis Anderson, Marilyn Howell, Mildred Gray, Phyllis Mattingly, Dale Hodges, Robert Lazzaroni, Mrs. Jana, Anna Mae Clark, Dolores Pomaranski, Charlotte Clemens, Sally Fejes, Geraldine Jablonski, Nicholas Kolosci.

*Front row*—Roy Claussen, Joan Rizzo, Carolyn Olzyniak, Patsy Eberhardt, Geraldine Demo, Carol Sullivan, Muriel Hamilton, Greta Duncan, Roberta Clemens, Betty Thompson, Rosemary Venturella, Ruth Burchardt, Pauline Ronk, Blaze Kozak.

## CHORUSES

The students of Edison were quite fortunate in having two fine instructors in the music department—Mr. Snedeker, instrumental instructor, and Mrs. Jana, vocal instructor. The members of the Choir combined their efforts with the members of the Band in giving an excellent performance at the annual Christmas Concert on December 20.

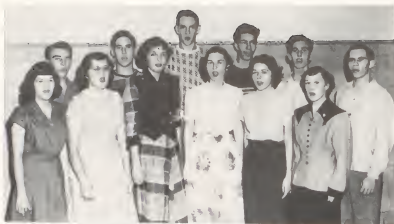
At the district solo and ensemble contest held at Crown Point on February 18, James Palmer, Forrest Jackson, and Dolores Pomaranski won first place in the solo division and the ensembles—the Keynotes and the Boys' Quartet—won first place. Second place winners were Donald Gustafson, Ronald Hatfield, Pauline Ronk, and the duet which was composed of

Robert Stegall and Sally Fejes. Third place winners were Robert Stegall, and Russell Heck.

First place winners in the district and ensemble contest journeyed to Indianapolis on March 25. The Boys' Quartet won first place; the Keynotes, second; Forrest Jackson, James Palmer, and Dolores Pomaranski won third place awards.

The Choir won second place in the district contest, which was held at Brook, Indiana, on April 1.

For the first time in many years and a very successful climax of the present year, the members of the Choir gave an operetta entitled "Wild Rose" under the direction of Mrs. Jana.



### MIXED ENSEMBLE

*Top row*—Russell Heck, Donald Gustafson, Forrest Jackson, Frank Jakich, Robert Stegall, Robert Munro.

*Front row*—Sally Fejes, Esther Demo, Eleanor Schaffer, Yvonne Taylor, Nancy Fejes, Helen Maretich.



### KEY NOTES

*Top row*—Mary Husarik, Dolores Pomaranski, Connie Rush, Anna Grusak.

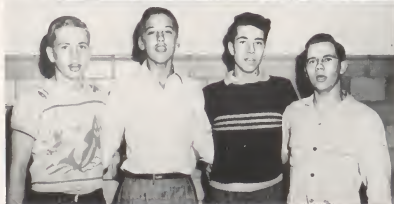
*Second row*—Helen Baker, Rosemary Venturella, Betty Thompson.

*Front row*—Bonnie Rogers, Pauline Ronk.



### SENIOR BOYS' QUARTET

Russell Heck, Donald Gustafson, Robert Stegall, Alan Eberhardt.



### JUNIOR BOYS' QUARTET

Ronald Hatfield, Ralph Larson, Frank Jakich, Robert Munro.





**CHORUS:** *Top row*—Roy Claussen, Mary Husarik, Dennis Anderson, James Palmer, Kay Don Williams, Forrest Jackson, James Fletcher, Maurice Porlier, Robert Stegall, Russell Leimbacher, Anna Grusak.

*Second row*—Suzanne Anderson, Mae Leathurby, Charlotte Clemens, Mildred Gray, Eileen Crocker, Marilyn Howell, Yvonne Taylor, Helen Maretich.

*Front row*—Alan Eberhardt, Geraldine Demo, Betty Thompson, Robert Munro, Edward Sludick.

**CAST:** *Top row*—Dolores Pomaranski, Robert Hires, Geraldine Jablonski, Ronald Hatfield, Eleanor Schaffer, Donald Gustafson, Marlene Scharf.

*Second row*—Bonnie Rogers, Pauline Ronk, Russell Heck, Nancy Fejes, Maureen Sullivan, Kenneth Webb.

*Front row*—Rosemary Venturella, Helen Baker, Esther Demo, Sally Fejes.



## OPERETTA

In the first time in many years the Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Jana, gave an operetta entitled "Wild Rose." Every member of the Choir participated in the operetta which proved to be a great success on May 10.

Many years before the play began, a tribe of gypsies camped near the estate of Mr. and Mrs. Valentine. Having high ambitions for her daughter, Gypsy Queen Malena secretly exchanged her baby for the Valentine's baby. After many years had passed, Queen Malena finally admitted the exchange. The real Rose Valentine was restored to her estate, and Rose Malena had the opportunity of living her life of ease and freedom.

### Cast

Mrs. Dora Valentine, a rich widow..... Marlene Scharf  
Luther Valentine, her son..... Ronald Hatfield

Rose Valentine, her daughter..... Maureen Sullivan  
Mrs. Nella Stafford, another wealthy widow..... Eleanor Schaffer  
Norman Stafford, her son..... Donald Gustafson  
Brenda Stafford, her daughter..... Nancy Fejes  
Queen Malena, a gypsy queen..... Esther Demo  
Rose Malena, her daughter..... Sally Fejes  
Joe, a gypsy..... Kenneth Webb  
Theodore Willingham, a would-be poet..... Robert Hires  
Lenore Hastings, the object of his affections..... Geraldine Jablonski  
Gladys, a maid at the Valentines..... Dolores Pomaranski  
Keene, a butler..... Russell Heck  
Clarabelle, a guest..... Bonnie Rogers  
Imogene, a guest..... Pauline Ronk  
Zelena, a gypsy girl..... Helen Baker  
Floretta, a gypsy girl..... Rosemary Venturella



*Top row*—Ardella Shaver, Mildred Gray, Edna Schulze, Mae Leathurby, Leota Sanders, Julia Mast, Lucille Smith, Maureen Sullivan, Vera Grusak, Eleanor Schaffer.

*Third row*—Mary Louise Owen, Betty Coulter, Jacqueline Salen, Carol Athan, Anita McPhee, Mardi Lee Palmateer, Joy Blake, Lois Gledich, Norma Smith, Marilyn Howell, Joan Hurd, Eileen Crocker, Marlene Scharf.

*Second row*—Darlene Homolla, Dorothy Muraco, Marian Dreyovich, Clara Weber, Patricia Vizona, Ida Melton, Evelyn Grishka, Emma Pedroza, Essie Neal, Hattie Sutherlin, Esther Demo, Helen Maretich.

*Front row*—Nancy Fejes, Sally Fejes, Lillian Zack, Janet Hutson, Peggy Whittaker, Joyce Wilson, Muriel Hamilton, Joan Wilson, Geraldine Jablonski.

## SUNSHINE SOCIETY

### Officers

Ethel Cook, president; Julia Shakula, treasurer; Mrs. Etienne, sponsor; Charlotte Clemens, vice-president; Winifred Jackson, secretary.



According to tradition, the Sunshine Society of 1949-50 continued to spread sunshine and cheer to all—especially during the Christmas season when they distributed baskets of food to the needy and when they sent their annual contribution to the Riley Fund.

Under the wonderful supervision of Mrs. Etienne, the new Sunshine sponsor, the girls managed to carry out several activities. First on the calendar was the annual Sweetheart's Dance, which was held in the gymnasium on January 7. Ethel Cook reigned as Sweetheart Queen and was assisted by her court of honor—Geraldine Jablonski, Joan Wilson, and Eileen Crocker.

During the year, the girls sold greeting cards in order to obtain the funds necessary to keep the treasury in balance.

The girls were up bright and early to hold their Sunshine breakfast at Marquette Park on May 15. For a number of years the breakfast has been a delightful closing event of the year.





*Top row*—Roland Gregory, Charles Krupchak, Oral Peck, Lorin Burns, Robert Blossom, Donald Kuzma, Kenneth Webb, Marty Faltak, Ronald Hatfield, Donald Blagg, William Knight.

*Third row*—Bruce Swift, Ronald Park, Dennis Anderson, William O'Kelly, Robert Burnham, Jerome Johnson, Ralph Larson, James McBride, Richard Jones, Howard Shaver.

*Second row*—Dale Hodges, Gary Ganz, Roger Bottila, Kay Don Williams, Forrest Jackson, Randall Riley, Donald Gustafson, Arnold Barbknecht, James Fletcher.

*Front row*—Roy Claussen, Robert Munro, Frank Pittman, David Capron, George Moy, Robert Lazzaroni, Blaze Kozak, Nicholas Kolosci.

## HI-Y

Having completed its fourth year of existence in Edison High School, the Hi-Y proved itself to be one of the leading organizations of the school under the capable direction of Mr. Sexton.

The Hi-Y followed its precedent of last year concerning its informal initiation by cleaning up and trying to protect the front lawn. The twenty new members were formally inducted into the club by an impressive candlelight ceremony on November 29. The club gave its dance on February 17.

The last of the charter members of this organization, which was founded under Mr. Mendoza in 1946, left the club at the time of this year's graduation. The nine boys who were with the club since its founding were Ray Arington, Arnold Barbknecht, Alan Eberhardt, James Fletcher, Donald Gustafson, William Knight, Forrest Jackson, Robert Stegall, and Kay Don Williams. The club has afforded many pleasant and happy memories for its members during the past four years.

### Officers

Robert Claussen, president; Russell Leimbacher, vice-president; Robert Stegall, secretary; Alan Eberhardt, treasurer; Ray Arington, chaplain; Mr. Sexton, sponsor.





*Top row*—Arnold Barbknecht, Clara Weber, Mary Louise Owen, Mae Leathurby, Mildred Gray, Edna Schulze, Julia Mast, Leota Sanders, Alan Ganz.

*Third row*—Helen Maretich, Muriel Hamilton, Joyce Wilson, Betty Coulter, Emma Pedroza, Lois Gledich, Joan Hurd, Joan Wilson, Ardella Shaver, Nancy Fejes.

*Second row*—Lillian Zack, Marian Dreyovich, Anita McPhee, Darlene Homolla, Dorothy Muraco, Mardi Lee Palmateer, Joy Blake, Janet Hutson, Evelyn Grishka, Julia Shakula.

*Front row*—Sally Fejes, Ethel Cook, Eileen Crocker, Marlene Scharf, Maureen Sullivan, Geraldine Jablonski.

## EDISON COMMERCIAL CLUB

### Officers

Miss Hartley, sponsor; Patricia Vizena, secretary; Ida Melton, treasurer; Lucille Smith, vice-president; Charlotte Clemens, president.



The goal of the Edison Commercial Club is to develop its members to become well-informed, capable, satisfied, and successful business men and women.

This year, under the excellent guidance of Miss Hartley, the members took several steps toward their goal. They witnessed several fine demonstrations from which they received valuable information and learned of the numerous opportunities in the business world if they work to achieve superior qualifications.

This year, the members of the club did not go on the tours which give the students an opportunity to see the operation of real business procedure that cannot be learned just from book-learning.

The members of the club purchased a new stop watch to be used in the commercial department with the funds from its treasury to replace the one that disappeared last summer.



*Top row*—Norma Smith, Winifred Jackson, Dorothy Muraco, Muriel Hamilton, Jacqueline Salen, Betty Coulter, Lois Gledich.

*Second row*—Lillian Zack, Patricia Vizena, Carol Athan, Mardi Lee Palmateer, Julia Shakula.

*Front row*—Marilyn Howell, Mildred Gray, Sally Fejes, Ethel Cook.

## GIRLS' ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The Girls' Athletic Association sponsored its regular activities this year under the competent direction of Mrs. Metz.

Before becoming a member of the organization, each girl was required to earn twenty-five points. The girls earned points by participating in bowling, baseball, and basketball. The initiation of new members was held on March 16, at which time twenty-seven girls became new members following the initiation.

The members of the G. A. A. took part in the social affairs of the season by sponsoring a very successful Hobo Hop on March 31. According to tradition, they entered the annual interclass basketball tournament.

### Officers

Mrs. Metz, sponsor; Marian Dreyovich, president; Darlene Homolla, vice-president; Ida Melton, secretary; Clara Weber, treasurer.





*Top row*—Arnold Barbknecht, George Kaminski, William Knight, James Fletcher, Forrest Jackson, Kay Don Williams, Harold Thews, Robert Blaney.

*Second row*—Mrs. Etienne, Robert Stegall, John Pahos, Donald Schleff, Helen Maretich, James Hoefflicker, Eleanor Schaffer, Charles Muzio.

*Front row*—Donald Gustafson, Ray Arington, Yvonne Taylor, Marlene Scharf, Esther Demo, Joan Wilson.

## SPEECH CLUB

On September 16, 1949, the senior English class, under the sponsorship of Mrs. Etienne, organized the Speech Club. The members elected John Pahos, president; Harold Thews, vice-president; and William Knight, secretary-treasurer.

The primary purpose of this organization was to further the English students in the fields of dramatics and culture. Members of the club selected a committee whose duties were to look for subjects that would be of interest to the organization and to select projects and movies for the class to see.

Their major choice in movies was "Joan of Arc." It was the heartwarming story of the French heroine, who led her army against the English.

The members of the Speech Club, also, gave the student body a very enjoyable hour of entertainment by presenting a Thanksgiving convocation. The program included short, humorous readings, speeches, a one-act comedy, a Thanksgiving speech, and a closing song. The club, under the capable leadership of its director, showed that it was on the way to accomplishment.

This club charged no dues; it was merely established for an informal companionship of working together in the appreciation of public speaking. Students learned new and interesting techniques, and the fun they had while doing the work more than compensated them for the efforts they spent.



*Top row*—Carl Thorne, Robert Blancy, James McBride, Donald Gustafson, Bruce Swift.  
*Front row*—Bonnie Rogers, Marian Dreyovich, Mrs. Burger, Sally Fejes, Geraldine Demo.

## STUDENT COUNCIL

Under the guidance of their president, Donald Gustafson, and their sponsor, Mrs. Burger, the 1949-50 Student Council started the year in an organized way when they introduced the new monitor system, which was improved over last year.

The only money-making activities of the year were the Black Friday Dance, which was given on Friday, January 13, and Apple Day. Apple Day was a new feature as the members of the Council sold apples at noon and after school. Also, they participated in taking care of the

Sweet Shop and received a share of the profits according to the privilege of each organization in school.

During the week before Easter vacation, the Student Council decorated the second floor with beautiful plants. A very important project which the Council helped to finance was the new stage scenery.

The end of the school year found the Council selecting school convocations for next school year and taking charge of the election for the 1951 Student Council president.



*Top row*—Winifred Jackson, James McBride, Joyce Wilson, Joan Wilson.  
*Front row*—Arnold Barbknecht, Connie Rush, Janet McBride.

## INTERSCHOLASTIC CONTESTS

Each year, Edison enters the interscholastic Latin-Math-English Contests. This year, under the guidance of Mrs. Crisman, Edison was entered in the Latin and English divisions and was represented by Janet McBride and Connie Rush in Latin I; Winifred Jackson and James McBride, Caesar; Arnold Barbknecht, Cicero; and Joan and Joyce Wilson, English. The district contest was held in Valparaiso High School building on April 1.

When the official returns were received from Indiana University, it was revealed that Janet McBride had won first in the district and ranked third place in the entire state; Connie Rush, second place; Winifred Jackson, second place; and James McBride, fourth place. Since Arnold Barbknecht was the only entrant in the district to take the examination in Cicero, he quite naturally placed first in the district and ranked tenth place in the state.

Having received honors in the district contest, all the Latin scholars were permitted to attend the finals which were held at Indiana University in Bloomington on April 29. Due to illness, Connie Rush could not attend the finals, but the other four students entered the state contest on the Bloomington Campus.

A new system of awards was initiated this year for the state contest. The top three scorers in every division received gold medals. Approximately the upper half of the upper twenty-five per cent of the top scorers received silver medals, while the lower half of the upper twenty-five per cent of the top scorers received bronze medals.

Arnold Barbknecht returned with a silver medal for placing fifth in the state contest, and Janet McBride received a bronze medal.



## PROM

Amid the splendor and the atmosphere created by the palms, spring weather, and their formal attire, the members of the senior and junior classes with their dates and escorts were entertained at the annual Junior-Senior Prom with the theme song, "There's No Tomorrow," in Marquette Park Pavilion on May 23.

From the ballroom the enchanting music of Reynold Young and his orchestra enhanced the atmosphere of the already charmed mental awareness of the students and their guests as they danced away the time.

Probably, most of the success of this event was due largely to the efforts of the steering committee which was composed of Ronald Hatfield, Julia Shakula, Winifred Jackson, Ida Melton, Ralph Larson, and Maurice Porlier.



## Mr. Edisonian



"Turn about is fair play!" Yes, superior salesman, Harold Thews, proved that boys, too, can be good salesmen. For the first time in the history of *The Edisonian*, a Mr. Edisonian was crowned instead of the usual Miss Edisonian. Harold, also, broke another record by selling fifty annuals, a feat which will probably never be accomplished again.

Charlotte Clemens was the second high salesman with a total of twenty-six sales to her credit.

## Miss Eagle Feathers

Each year the *Eagle Feathers* Staff sponsors the Miss Eagle Feathers Contest in order to promote the sale of *Eagle Feathers* subscriptions. This year the notable title of Miss Eagle Feathers went to Julia Shakula, an outstanding saleswoman. Julia well deserved this title because she sold many more subscriptions than any other person.









# ATHLETICS





**COACH ALBERT N. THOM**  
Football and Track



**COACH DOYLE BALIFF**  
Basketball and Baseball

### CHEERLEADERS

*Top row—Betty Thompson, Winifred Jackson.*

*Front row—Peggy Whittaker, Kay Don Williams, Beverly Leathurby.*





*Top row*—James Claussen, Richard Jones, Gene King, Edwin Fronczak, Carl Thorne, James Webber, Forrest Jackson, Edward Shudick, Robert O'Connor, Eric Scharf, Eugene Nolan, Ronald Hatfield, James Fletcher.

*Second row*—Kay Don Williams, Michael Lubeck, James McBride, Randall Riley, Jerome Johnson, Frank Arndt, Roland Gregory, William Potts, Alan Ganz, Donald Walker, Roland Moore.

*Front row*—Richard Majewski, Sidney Hoskins, Maurice Porlier, Robert Claussen, Paul Leathurby, David Capron, George Coffman, James Metz, Charles Muzio, John Pahos.

## "E" MEN'S CLUB

This year, the "E" Men's Club was a more active organization than in former years. The first of its worthwhile endeavors was a bonfire rally which was held in Riverside Park on November 14 before the opening game of the basketball season. The rally was the first to be held for a number of years.

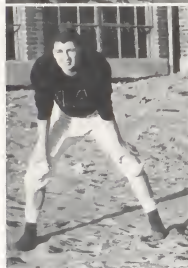
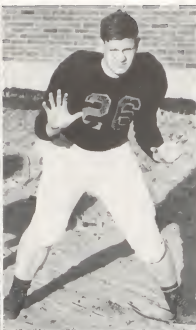
Another important accomplishment was the presentation of a large picture of the Calumet Conference basketball championship team to be hung in the gymnasium. Also, smaller pictures of all the teams in the field of sports will be hung in an appropriate place in the building. The club started the precedent this year.

Membership was confined to major letter winners in at least one of the four fields of sports; however, a member did not have to earn a letter each year but was required to be in good standing in athletics.

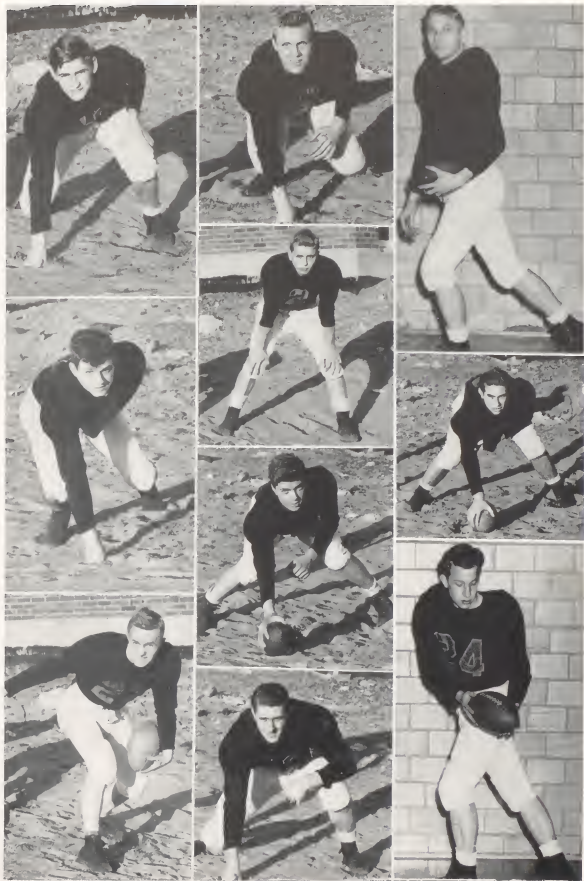
The members of the club attended the annual banquet which was held at Teibel's Restaurant on April 23. Mr. Hall, chaplain of Michigan City Prison, was the speaker of the evening.

Mr. Baliff, sponsor; Donald Gustafson, secretary-treasurer; Robert Blancy, president; Robert Hires, vice-president; Mr. Thom, sponsor.











*Top row*—James Webber, Frank Arndt, Thomas Murray, William Metz, Bernard Najar, Randall Riley, Robert Hires, Coach Thom, Donald Gustafson, Jerome Johnson, William Knight, James Fletcher, Daniel Orleck, Roland Moore, Walter Kosinski, Roland Gregory.

*Second row*—Robert Stegall, Ralph Larson, Ronald Hatfield, James Claussen, Donald Kuuma, Carl Thorne, Robert McDaniel, Robert O'Connor, Roger Bottila, Marty Faitak, Kenneth Webb, Thomas Nolan, William Potts, Eric Scharf.

*Front row*—Howard Shaver, David Capron, James Metz, Ray Arington, Roy Claussen, Bruce Swift, Ronald Park, Paul Leatherby, Dale Hodges, James Fritts.

## FOOTBALL

On August 14, Coach Albert Thom started his pre-season football practice with his returning major letter winners — Donald Walker, Ronald Hatfield, James Claussen, Paul Leatherby, James Fletcher, William Knight, Robert Hires, Eugene Nolan, James Metz, and Donald Gustafson—and some very fine prospects to fill the vacancies of last year's graduating seniors. The outlook for the season was quite favorable although Edison was starting only her third year of football. The boys practiced diligently to remove those excess pounds gained during the summer and to regain their form.

The Eagles opened their first game of the season at Knox on September 9, as big Jim Claussen kicked the ball to Knox. After several unsuccessful attempts to gain, Knox punted to our team. In the first quarter the Eagles drove to Knox's three-yard line where Ding Walker drove over for Edison's first

touchdown of the game as well as the first of the season. As Bill Knight's try for the extra point by picking was wide, the Eagles led the first quarter by a score of 6-0. Intercepting a Knox pass on a fine defensive play early in the second quarter, quarterback Ronnie Hatfield ran 38 yards for a touchdown, but Jim Claussen's try for the extra point failed. Upon receiving the kickoff, Knox tried a short pass which was intercepted by center Don Gustafson, who set up the touchdown pass that went from Hatfield to Roland Moore. The pass covered 28 yards and was the first completed pass of the season. As the try for the extra point failed again, the Eagles led by a score of 18 to 0 at the half. As Knox scored only a single touchdown, the game ended with a score of 18-6 as Edison's first victory. Selecting a senior player as captain of each game, Coach Thom selected Jim Fletcher as captain of the first game. Edison's opening lineup was as



## FOOTBALL (Continued)

follows: Fletcher—L.F., Nolan—L.T., Johnson—L.G., Gustafson—C., Hires—R.G., Knight—R.T., Gregory—R.E., Hatfield—Q.B., Moore—R.H., Walker—L.H., and Claussen—F.B.

Edison's next game was with Hobart, her first opponent of the newly reorganized Calumet Conference, in Brickie Bowl on September 16. During the first quarter, the game took on a scoreless aspect; but in spite of her battling, Edison was unable to score throughout the game which ended with a final score of 13-0 in Hobart's favor. Don Gustafson was designated as captain for this game.

For the first time in her brief three-year history of football, Edison defeated Wirt on smoky Gleason Field on September 22. The first quarter was a give and take proposition with neither team scoring until late in the second quarter when fleet halfback Roland Moore ripped off tackle for ten yards and a touchdown, after which dependable Jim Claussen plunged for the extra point. The score was 7-0 with Edison in the lead at the half and remained unchanged until the end of the third quarter. Quarterback Ronnie Hatfield stepped back to Wirt's 45-yard line and heaved a beautiful pass into the hands of racing right end Bill Potts who ran 45 yards to the ten-yard line where he was tackled; after a series of running plays, Jim Claussen drove over for Edison's second touchdown. As Ronnie Hatfield failed in his attempt to run the extra point, the score remained Edison, 13 and Wirt, 0. Following Wirt's first touchdown, Wirt kicked the ball into the hands of Tom Murray who raced back to his own 44-yard line on a beautiful runback. After advancing the ball to the 40-yard line, Ding Walker, a standout passer, passed the ball to Bill Potts who caught the ball on his chest and went over standing up for the score. Ding Walker's extra point made the final score 20-6, and Edison gained her first Calumet Conference victory against one defeat under Captain Hires.

Journeying to South Bend on October 1, the Eagles shellacked Woodrow Wilson by a score of 24-8. Edison gained an early lead in the first quarter as Jim Claussen scored on a line plunge, and she held the lead as a Walker to Hatfield pass clicked for a touchdown ending the half 12-0. Jim Claussen scored on another plunge the third quarter, making the score 18-0. The fourth quarter, Roland Moore scampered 17 yards for Edison's last touchdown, which was followed by Woodrow Wilson's gain of 8 points on a safety and a touchdown. Bill Knight was chosen as captain.

On October 8, Edison defeated Delphi 28-7 in Brickie Bowl for her third straight victory.

George Kaminski scored Edison's first touchdown on a quarterback sneak early in the first quarter and Jim Claussen bucked over for the extra point, but Delphi roared back with a touchdown and the extra point. Still during the first quarter, the Eagles scored another touchdown when Ding Walker romped over from Edison's 6-yard line, with Jim Claussen bucking the extra point, making the score 14-7 at the end of the first quarter. The highlight of the second quarter was halfback Paul Leatherby racing 45 yards for a touchdown, with Jim Claussen scoring the extra point—the score at half-time was 21-7 with Edison in the lead. The third quarter was a scoreless dual as well as the fourth quarter until the last three minutes of the game when a Claussen to Fletcher pass in the end zone clicked for 12 yards and a touchdown, with Claussen scoring the extra point for his fourth time in the game. James Claussen scored all of Edison's extra points on some fine plunging. Ding Walker was selected captain for the game.

The Pirates of Merrillville, who won the Calumet Conference championship at the close of the season, proved to be one of Edison's toughest opponents on October 15. Ronnie Hatfield provided the high light of the game with a 75-yard run through almost the entire Merrillville squad on a recovered fumble and attained the longest run of the season. Jim Claussen drove over for the extra point to make Edison's score 7 against Merrillville's 12. As the second half opened, the Pirates unleashed a terrific scoring attack which continued throughout the game with a final score of 30-7. Jim Claussen led the Eagles as captain.

Edison lost her third game of the season on Rensselaer's field on October 19 by a score of 7-14. Rensselaer scored a touchdown in each of the first two quarters. Although the Eagles regained their form and tightened their line in the second half, Paul Leatherby's pass to Frank Arndt in the fourth quarter accounted for Edison's only touchdown, with Roland Moore scoring the extra point. Bill Potts was designated as captain.

Rolling back on the winning trail, Edison defeated Edison of Gary for her second Calumet Conference victory by a score of 34-0 on Tolleston's field. This game set an all-time record for the Eagles in yards gained and scored. Jim Claussen scored on a power plunging drive as well as making the extra point. During the second quarter, Ding Walker's fine pass to Frank Arndt was good for 30 yards and a touchdown, with Jim Claussen plunging again for the extra point. Following another sustained drive, quarterback George Kaminski drove for Edison's third touchdown on a quar-

## FOOTBALL (Continued)

back sneak, with Roland Moore scoring the extra point. Coming back in the second half, the Eagles scored 13 more points to be added to the 21 points obtained in the first-half. Due to Coach Thom's free substituting, Edison did not score any points the third quarter, but upon the return of the regulars, Ronnie Hatfield scored a touchdown, only to be followed by another by Bill Knight who scored Edison's first touchdown by kicking. Captain George Kaminski scored his second touchdown of the game on another quarterback sneak, but Edison's try for the extra point failed. The Gary team was never even close to East Gary's goal line. This game was Edison's second Calumet Conference win of the season. Halfback Ding Walker played a very fine game both on offense and defense for his last game of the season because of age regulations.

Journeying to Griffith, Edison lost her next conference game by a score of 26-7 to rank third in the conference standings. During the first period, Griffith rolled two fast touchdowns, making only 1 extra point and a score of 13-0. Following a fine drive during the second quarter, Jim Claussen plunged over for a touchdown, with Roland Moore making the extra point for a score of 7-13 at the half. Although Edison showed superior skill the third quarter, her fumbles gave Griffith the right opportunities for scoring during the fourth quarter. Don Gustafson was captain.

In the closing game on November 5, Edison lost to the Bull Dogs of Crown Point and tied for fourth place in the final conference standings. On the opening kickoff, the Bull Dogs

raced 75 yards for a touchdown and continued to score a touchdown each quarter with a final score of 18-0. After a 60-yard drive in the second half, Edison bogged down on Crown Point's 9-yard line after which she never threatened to score again during the remainder of the game. Edison's ending lineup was as follows: Potts—LE, Nolan—LT, Johnson—LG, Gustafson—C, Hires—RG, Webber—RT, Gregory—RE, Hatfield—LH, Moore—RH, Kaminski—LH, and Claussen—FB.

The seniors on the squad were: James Claussen, James Metz, George Kaminski, Donald Walker, and Ray Arington in the backfield and James Fletcher, William Knight, Donald Gustafson, Robert Hires, James Webber, and William Potts in the line. Donald Gustafson, center, and Robert Hires, right guard, were elected as honorary co-captains at the annual football players meeting.

Eugene Nolan received the most votes for left guard on the Calumet Conference All-Star first team. Donald Walker placed as left halfback on the second team. James Claussen, fullback; Robert Hires, guard; William Knight, tackle; and Donald Gustafson, center, received honorable mention. The boys attended and enjoyed the Calumet Conference Banquet at Teibal's Restaurant. James Claussen made honorable mention on the Indiana All-Star Football Team named by referee Clark of Indianapolis.

This year's team has been the best team under Coach Thom's training in Edison's three years of football.

Player	TD	PAT	Total
Claussen . . . . .	5	8	38
Hatfield . . . . .	5	1	31
Moore . . . . .	3	3	21
Kaminski . . . . .	3		18
Arndt . . . . .	2		12
Walker . . . . .	1	1	7
Leathurby . . . . .	1		6
Fletcher . . . . .	1		6
Potts . . . . .	1		6

Player	Rushing Av. Gain	Times Carried	Yards
Leathurby . . . . .	6.9	36	249
Claussen . . . . .	4.4	82	361
Walker . . . . .	4.3	47	204
Moore . . . . .	4.3	42	182
Hatfield . . . . .	4.1	38	155

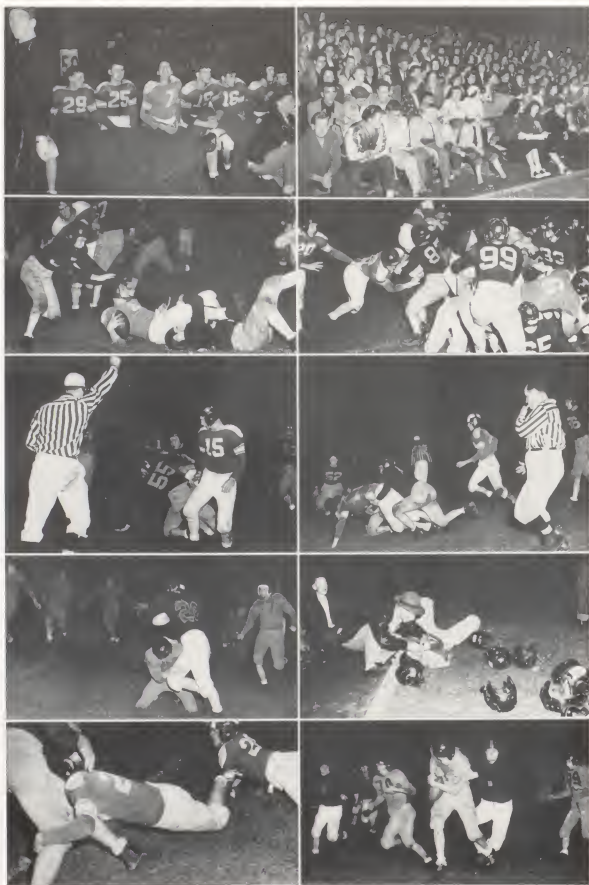
### Season's Record

Team	Edison	Opponent
Knox . . . . .	18	6
Hobart . . . . .	0	13
Wirt . . . . .	20	6
Woodrow Wilson (South Bend)	24	8
Delphi . . . . .	28	7
Merrillville . . . . .	7	30
Edison (Gary) . . . . .	34	0
Griffith . . . . .	7	26
Crown Point . . . . .	0	18

### RESERVES

Merrillville . . . . .	0	16
Hobart . . . . .	13	7
Wirt . . . . .	20	6













*Top row*—Mr. Roos, Robert Blaney, James Fletcher, James McBride, Alan Ganz, Forrest Jackson, Mike Lubeck, Coach Baliff.

*Front row*—Robert Claussen, Maurice Porlier, Richard Jones, John Jahos, Charles Muzio.

## VARSITY

As the basketball season opened, Coach Doyle Baliff as well as fans expected this year's Varsity to be one of Edison's outstanding teams, since a goodly number of experienced players—Mike Lubeck, Forrest Jackson, Alan Ganz, Robert Blaney, Charles Muzio, and John Jahos—returned this year and were supported by a group of very promising newcomers.

The Eagles were faced with a decisive battle to win the opening game of the season and their first game in Edison's new gymnasium, as the gymnasium was enlarged during the summer vacation. Although Wirt led during the first three quarters, the Eagles with strong determination changed from the trailing end of the score during the fourth quarter in time to win the first game by a 41-40 count. The next game on the schedule, which was played on Chesterton's home floor, proved to be a much better game for the nerves of the players as well as the spectators, since the Eagles outplayed the Trojans by a score of 50-43 to attain a fine opening record of winning the first two games of the season. In the next affray Edison battled her old traditional rival to meet

her first defeat on Hobart's home floor with a close score of 47-45. Edison's next game on her home floor with Merrillville was another thrilling game as the lead shifted constantly between the two teams as neither side gained a decided margin. Following a tie at the end of the fourth quarter, Muzio and Jackson scored a basket apiece while Jackson added a free throw to win 51-50 in an overtime period.

Edison was chosen by many coaches and fans, alike, to win the championship of the Calumet Conference. The Eagles journeyed to Dyer, rushed and romped over the Indians by a score of 46-35, and won their first conference game of the season. Edison easily defeated and subdued her next opponent, Wheeler, in an unexciting game with a final score of 44-29. The Eagles set an all-time high record for points scored in any game against the visiting down-state Shamrocks of Westfield without any difficulty by running up the gigantic score of 80-42. The subs and the first five did equally well in this game with five of Edison's men scoring five field goals or more apiece.

The annual Holiday Tournament at Crown



## VARSITY (Continued)

Point was the next affair for the up and coming Eagles. In her first game of the tourney, Edison defeated the Pirates of Merrillville 53-45, then battled Griffith—one of her finest opponents of the season—to win her second game of the tournament 52-44. Edison was set to win the finals but lost in the fourth quarter to Hobart 54-49.

After losing the final game of the Holiday Tourney, the Eagles lost their third game of the season and the first Calumet Conference game to the Troopers of Wirt who marched over them by a score of 58-40 in an overtime period. The dejected Eagles lost their second Calumet Conference game in a row by losing to a vastly inferior Lowell team by a score of 47-46 in another overtime game. However Edison started back on the winning trail by winning her next conference game and mauled Edison of Gary 57-45 on East Gary's home floor. At home again, the Eagles battled the stubborn Panthers of the Roosevelt team, who were rated as one of the better teams in the region, in a closely fought game and eked out a 52-51 victory.

Since Edison's optimism in regard to winning the Calumet Conference championship at the beginning of the season had changed to dire pessimism, her easy victory over Griffith 48-35 brightened the spirits of the players to strive for the championship again. Edison was visited on her home floor by the touted Brickies of Hobart, but the Eagles gained a satisfactory revenge by a good, clean, decisive defeat 65-55 with no excuses from the Hobart partisans. Journeying to Merrillville, the Eagles broke the three-year winning record of the Pirates on their home floor by a 46-43 count. In Edison's march to win the conference championship, she defeated the former first running team of Portage by a 57-54 victory in a strongly contested game before the largest crowd ever to witness a game in her home gymnasium. For the clincher of the championship of the Calumet Conference, Edison journeyed to the county seat of Lake County to win a decisive victory over Crown Point by a 69-37 count. Thus, Edison won her first Calumet Conference Championship since 1941. However, the Eagles lost to Noll Central in a closely contested game by a 62-61 score in Civic Center. In its final game of the season's schedule, the Varsity defeated Wheeler 68-57 in Edison's gymnasium.

For her first game of the 1949-50 Sectionals at East Chicago, Edison defeated Wheeler by a score 75-37 for the largest victory margin of any school in Indiana. However, Edison was not so fortunate in her second game of the tournament with Hobart. Since the referees deprived the Eagles of the services of Lubeck, Ganz, and Muzio either partially or almost en-

tirely for the game, Edison lost with a final score of 67-62.

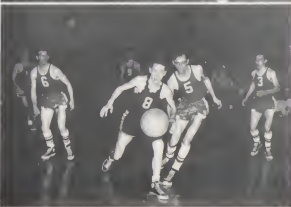
The Varsity of 1949-1950 was one of Edison's finest teams and completed the season with 17 victories against 6 defeats. The accomplishments were many and record-breaking: a new school scoring record, a new high record for points per game average, an undefeated home court, a runner-up in the Holiday Tournament, a winner of the all-game race, and last but not least the Calumet Conference Champs. The team averaged 54 points per game for all games.

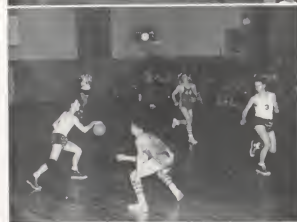
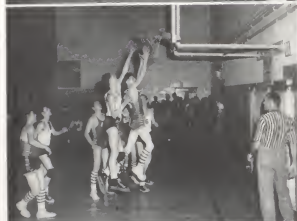
When the All-Star Squad was announced for the conference, it was learned that Forrest Jackson placed as forward while Alan Ganz received the center position on the first team. Charles Muzio and Bob Blaney received honorable mention. Mike Lubeck, the other man of the first five, did not receive an honor because of a knee injury which prevented him from playing in several conference games. Mike Lubeck was elected as honorary captain of the team. The members of the team enjoyed their fine annual banquet at Teibal's Restaurant. Seniors, who are leaving the Varsity, are: Mike Lubeck, Alan Ganz, Charles Muzio, Forrest Jackson, Bob Blaney, Jim Fletcher, and John Pahos.

Player	Games	Points	Average
Forrest Jackson . . . . .	23	346	15
Alan Ganz . . . . .	21	234	11.1
Charles Muzio . . . . .	23	196	8.5
Mike Lubeck . . . . .	18	172	9.6
Bob Blaney . . . . .	23	157	6.8
Mo Porlier . . . . .		92	
Jim McBride . . . . .		24	
Bob Clausen . . . . .		21	
Jim Fletcher . . . . .		9	
John Pahos . . . . .		9	

### Season's Schedule

Team	Edison	Opponent
Wirt . . . . .	41	40
Chesterton . . . . .	50	43
Hobart . . . . .	45	47
Merrillville . . . . .	51	50
Dyer . . . . .	46	35
Wheeler . . . . .	44	29
Westfield . . . . .	80	42
Holiday Tourney at Crown Point		
Merrillville . . . . .	53	45
Griffith . . . . .	52	44
Hobart . . . . .	49	54
Wirt . . . . .	40	58
Lowell . . . . .	46	47
Edison . . . . .	57	45
Roosevelt . . . . .	52	51
Griffith . . . . .	68	55
Hobart . . . . .	65	55
Merrillville . . . . .	46	43
Portage . . . . .	57	54
Crown Point . . . . .	69	37
Noll Central . . . . .	61	62
Wheeler . . . . .	68	57







*Top row*—Mr. Roos, Roland Gregory, Paul Leathurby, Randall Riley, Frank Arndt, Gene King, Edward Shudick, Edwin Fronczak, Robert O'Connor, Coach Baliff.

*Front row*—David Capron, Roland Moore, Bruce Swift, Carl Thorne, Kenneth Webb.

## B TEAM

This year's B Team was one of the finest teams ever to play in Edison High School and was a superb ball club in every respect according to any desire a coach might have such as speed, height, ability, and reserve.

Breezing through their first eight games, they finally were upset by Roosevelt of Gary by a score of 23-21. The rest of the season was marked with only two more losses—one to Merrillville with a final score of 41-38 and the other to Edison of Gary with a final count of 29-25. The team finished the season with fifteen victories and three defeats for a very fine record.

Having a wealth of material, Coach Doyle Baliff employed a two platoon system, using five players for the first quarter and probably continuing the second quarter with another group of five players.

Ed Fronczak and Ed Shudick proved to be the sparkplugs and leading scorers of the team and were supported by Gene King, Frank Arndt, and Paul Leathurby. This team gives promise of being a great one next year.

### Season's Record

<i>Team</i>	<i>Edison</i>	<i>Opponent</i>
Wirt . . . . .	30	16
Chesterton . . . . .	34	11
Hobart . . . . .	35	27
Merrillville . . . . .	28	24
Dyer . . . . .	27	9
Wheeler . . . . .	33	9
Westfield . . . . .	30	12
Lowell . . . . .	37	28
Roosevelt . . . . .	21	23
Griffith . . . . .	35	31
Hobart . . . . .	32	21
Merrillville . . . . .	38	41
Portage . . . . .	26	23
Crown Point . . . . .	31	25
Noll Central . . . . .	33	28
Edison . . . . .	25	29
Wirt . . . . .	40	33
Wheeler . . . . .	49	25



*Top row*—Richard Jones, Bruce Swift, Thomas Szwaykowski, Roger Bottila, Robert Shoemaker, Oral Peck, Donald Kuzma, Jack Sandlin, Roy Claussen, Coach Baliff.

*Front row*—Ronald Park, Dennis Anderson, Gary Ganz, Leonard Garvalia, Robert Lazzaroni, Blaze Kozak.

## FRESHMAN TEAM

The record of the team this year did not measure up to the usual successful season's record that has been attained formerly by Edison since the Freshman Basketball Team was organized. The unusually high score of 52-28 tabulated against Wirt showed the real ability of the team when it put forth its best efforts. If the boys settle down to work, they should have a fine team by their senior year. Jack Sandlin was the outstanding player in almost all respects.

The freshman reserves had a better season by winning five out of seven games.

### Season's Record

<i>Team</i>	<i>Edison</i>	<i>Opponent</i>
Crown Point . . . . .	25	40
Calumet . . . . .	23	38
Griffith . . . . .	21	25
Wirt . . . . .	52	28
Merrillville . . . . .	27	36
Calumet . . . . .	30	42
Portage . . . . .	27	45
Edison (Gary) . . . . .	23	30
Griffith . . . . .	18	27
Crown Point . . . . .	29	37
Merrillville . . . . .	23	28
Hobart . . . . .	25	27
Hobart . . . . .	26	35



*Top row*—Michael Lubeck, Bernard Najar, Robert Blaney, William Potts, Mr. Baliff, William Metz, Bruce Swift, James Fletcher.

*Front row*—Sidney Hoskins, David Capron, Robert Claussen, George Coffman, Roland Moore, Roy Claussen, John Pahos.

## BASEBALL

Returning from last year's squad — which ranked second in the Calumet Conference at the end of the season — were George Coffman, James Fletcher, Bob Claussen, Bob Blaney, Charles Muzio, Mike Lubeck, William Potts, and Sidney Hoskins.

The first game of the season was with Dyer, champs of last year, and the Eagles took it on the chin to the tune of 16 to 2. Next on the agenda was Edison of Gary who defeated the Eagles 8 to 1. Portage, who had won 14 games in a row, fell to the rampaging Eagles 14 to 2. The high lights of the game were home runs by Roland Moore and Jim Fletcher. Pitcher Sidney Hoskins received the credit for Edison's first Calumet Conference victory. The next game was a tough one to lose as Lowell defeated the Eagles 4-3. Sidney Hoskins did the hurling again. In a non-conference affray the Eagles nipped Wheeler 7 to 5. Mike Lubeck, John Pahos, and Sidney Hoskins were the hurlers of this game. Again, Edison was the victim of a bad break as she lost to Crown Point 3 to 2, and Sidney did the pitching. Journeying to Griffith, the Eagles met defeat 15

to 2. In the final game of the season Edison defeated Wheeler 16 to 12.

Under Coach Doyle Baliff the team tied with Merrillville for fourth place in the Calumet Conference.

The line-up at the end of the season was as follows: Roland Moore, center field; Bob Claussen, short stop; Jim Fletcher, third base; Mike Lubeck, left field; Bob Blaney, second base; David Capron, right field; William Potts, first base; George Coffman, catcher; Bernard Najar, catcher; Sidney Hoskins, pitcher; John Pahos, pitcher.

### Season's Record

<i>Team</i>	<i>Edison</i>	<i>Opponent</i>
Dyer . . . . .	2	16
Edison of Gary . . . . .	1	8
Portage . . . . .	14	2
Lowell . . . . .	3	4
Wheeler . . . . .	7	5
Merrillville . . . . .	6	5
Crown Point . . . . .	2	3
Griffith . . . . .	2	15
Wheeler . . . . .	16	12





*Top row*—Daniel Orlick, Roger Botilla, Ronald Park, Dennis Anderson, Roy Claussen, Russell Leimbacher, Mr. Thom, Donald Kuzma, Robert Shoemaker, Maurice Porlier, Ray Kanzler.

*Front row*—Richard Majewski, Frank Arndt, Paul Leathurby, David Capron, Kenneth Webb, Ronald Hatfield, Robert Blaney, Michael Lubeck.

## TRACK

The track team this year made some definite gains over former years. First of all, they finally received track uniforms in which to run; secondly, Coach Thom let the team cut itself down by natural elimination until he had a group of boys who would work. This produced a small but hard working team.

Mike Lubeck was the most consistent point winner of the team with his shot-putting. He took first place in all of the meets except the Calumet Conference, in which he placed third. The school record was broken when Mike heaved the shot forty-four feet three and one-half inches.

The most versatile member of the squad was Maurice Porlier, who entered the 220 yard

dash, shot-put, broad jump, pole vault, and half-mile relay. David Capron ran the 100 and 220 yard dash, half-mile relay, and pole vaulted. Paul Leathurby ran the 100 yard dash plus the half-mile relay race. Robert Blaney was a potent producer in the high jump and, also, ran in the half-mile relay team. Kenneth Webb and Ronald Hatfield shared duties in the 440 yard dash. While Richard Majewski and Ronald Park ran the 880 yard dash, Frank Arndt and Daniel Orlick ran the grueling mile race. Russell Leimbacher did the broad jumping for Edison along with Maurice Porlier.

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May 1, the returns were received by Mr. Roos with the results that a special scholarship was awarded to Arnold Barbknecht; Helen Maretich, Alan Ganz, and Sally Fejes received merit scholarships; Nancy Fejes and Esther Demo were awarded state scholarships.

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According to the number of students enrolled in classes, English is the most popular subject in school. Could the real reason be that three years of English are required for graduation?

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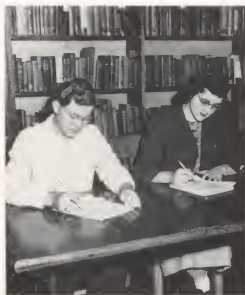
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